

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Sri G. RAME GOWDA (Doddaballapur).—Sir I call the attention of the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration to the opening of fire by the police on the agitators of food grains in Doddaballapur on 5th February 1968.

† **Sri R. M. PATIL (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration).**—In response to this calling attention motion, I beg to state that the incident took place on 5th February 1968. It so happened that about 50 to 60 persons went in a procession and squatted in front of the Taluk office demanding increased supply of foodgrains. A demand was made by some of them for the closure of the Schools. At their request the local office of the M S.E.B. was also shut down. This resulted, in about 10,000 workers from mills coming out and joining the agitators. The agitators broke open the food godown and the office of the Taluk Agricultural Produce Marketing Co-operative Society, looted foodgrains and set fire to the properties of the Society. When dispersed by a lathi-charge from the Godown premises, the violent mob rushed and surrounded the Taluk Office, indulged in throwing stones and destroying Government properties. They cut the telephone connection of the Police Station and set fire to the curtains of the office room of the Circle Inspector. As the lathi-charge did not have the desired effect, the Police opened fire with the concurrence of the Tahsildar Magistrate, who was on the spot, to disperse the mob. One person died and three persons were injured as a result of the Police firing.

It is reported that foodgrains including sugar valued at Rs. 28,362-50 p. from the Government stock and foodgrains valued at Rs. 26,747-32 p. from the private stock of the society were looted. Damage caused to a tractor of the Society, furniture and other articles of the Society by arson is estimated at about Rs. 28,000. Other physical damages caused to the Society articles is estimated at about Rs. 15,000 to 16,000.

A charge sheet has been filed in this case (C. C. No. 101/68-69 in the file of the Court of the First Class Magistrate, Doddaballapur), against 43 persons and the case was heard on 21st February 1968. This is the first hearing of the case. Sir, this is a matter of sub-judice as it is pending before the court.

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ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಆರ್. ಪಂಡಗಾವಿ (ಅರಬಾವಿ).—ಸ್ಯಾಟ, ನಮ್ಮ ಅರ್ಥಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಮಂಡಿಸಿದ 1968-69ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಆಯವ್ಯಯ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸುತ್ತಾ ನಾನು ಕೆಲವು ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಹೇಳಬಯಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಾವು ಪ್ರತಿ ವರ್ಷ ಹೆಚ್ಚು